

Ms. Wendy,

I understand that my FOIA appeals #DOD-NAVY-2019-009000 and #DOD-NAVY-2019-008670 have not been answered as of yet. Therefore, I would like to add a supplemental to these FOIA appeal requests.

My requests for the unredacted statements that remain at the end of the 2017 and 2018 Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 28 (HSC-28) Command Climate Surveys have been denied for the following:

- a. 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(5), internal advice, recommendations and subjective evaluations that are reflected in deliberative records pertaining to the decision-making process of an agency.

These statements were redacted by the HSC-28 command because they are aware that the 2017 and 2018 Command Climate Survey statements will be detrimental to their command. These statements will prove the HSC-28 command is toxic and abusive; hence would not want them exposed. These command climate survey statements are not redacted due to any FOIA or federal law regulations.

And:

- b. 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(6), information (name, social security number, date of birth, home address, home phone number) in personnel and medical files, as well as similar personal information in other files, that, if disclosed to a requestor, other than the person about whom the information refers would result in a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

The statements within the Command Climate Surveys for 2017 and 2018 were made anonymously; therefore, no personal information is on them. Furthermore, there is no "invasion of personal privacy" on them. The individuals who wrote the statements did not want to be exposed for fear of retaliation. However, there could be names of the individuals who are complained about within the statements which would be the ONLY thing that should be redacted.

These redacted statements should also be made public due to the influx of suicides within the Navy and the military in general with the most recent being the week of September 15, 2019. This is where three sailors died by suicide who were from the same command and ship, USS George H. W. Bush. The public would be very interested in these statements which will show, without a doubt, there is toxic and abusive leadership within commands, to include Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 28.

The public is unaware that toxic abusive leadership exists within the military. Thus, the public should be made aware of what is happening inside the Armed Forces community and commands. Furthermore, the statements on the 2017 and 2018 Command Climate

Surveys are very vital to the experts. They will provide information and the tools they need to help combat suicides within the military ranks.

Thank you,

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